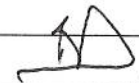

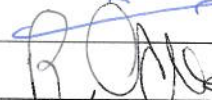


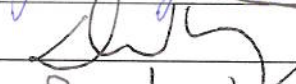




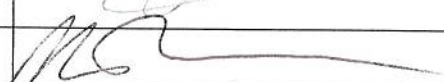
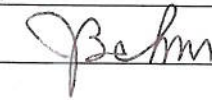

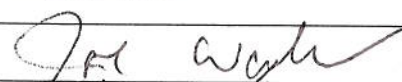
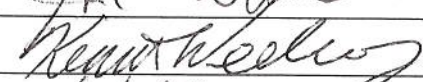
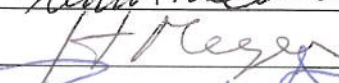

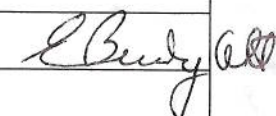


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| Air Medical Advisory Committee | Brett Greenfield / Al Ritter |  |
| American College Emergency Physicians | Bill Wang / Victor Almeida |  |
| Career EMT | Alfred Lincks / | |
| Career Fire Chiefs Association | Robert Caruso / Kevin Keddy |  |
| Career Paramedic | Andy Lovell / Randy McCargar |  |
| County EMS Coordinators | Michael Bascom / John Grembowiec |  |
| Emergency Nurses Association | Donald Trauger / Tim Murphy |  |
| EMS Communications Committee | Joseph Burlew / Louis Sasso |  |
| EMS for Children Committee | Al Sacchetti / Ernest Leva | |
| EMT Training Fund Committee | Stephen Vetrano / Margaret Keavney |  |
| Immediate Past Council Chair | James Pruden / Jennifer Waxler | |
| Medical Transportation Authority | H. Mickey McCabe / Robert Davis |  |
| MICU Advisory Council | Mark Merlin / Jay Stiefel |  |
| National Association EMS Physicians | Howard Felderman / Brian Walsh |  |
| NJ Association Paramedic Programs | Scott Kasper / Jeff Behm |  |
| NJ Dept. Highway Traffic Safety | Gary Poedubicky / Violet Marrero | |
| NJ Hospital Association | Roger Sarao / Diane Anderson | |
| NJ Posion Info. Emergency Service | Steven Marcus / Bruce Ruck |  |
| NJ State First Aid Council - Central | Joe Walsh / LeRoy Gunzelman |  |
| NJ State First Aid Council - North | Cyndy Reardon / Kenneth Weinberg |  |
| NJ State First Aid Council - President | Howard Meyer / Edward Burdzy |  |
| NJ State First Aid Council - South | Bryan Platt / Barbara Platt |  |
| NJ State Police | Licinio Carvalho / |  |

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| NJSP Emergency Telecommunications | Craig Reiner / Charles Mars | <i>Craig A. Reiner</i> <i>Charles Mars</i> |
| Public Member | Cynthia Kirchner / | <i>Cynthia Kirchner</i> |
| St Barnabas Burn Center | Michael Marano / Eileen Bryne | |
| Trauma Center Council | David Livingston / Steve Ross | <i>David Livingston</i> |
| Department of Health | Mary O'Dowd / Christopher Rinn | |
| Office of EMS | Nancy Kelly-Goodstein / Donald Roberts | <i>DKG</i> |
| Office of EMS - Education | Terry Clancy / Candace Gardner | |
| Assembly Speaker's Appointee | / | |
| Senate President's Appointee | / | |
| Volunteer EMT | / | |
| Volunteer Fire-EMS | / | |

New Jersey EMS Council Visitors – ~~12/11/2013~~

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New Jersey EMS Council (EMS-Co) Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2013 – 10:00 AM

Call to order: EMS-Co Chair

Announcements: EMS-Co Chair

- Next meeting 3/12/14 10:00 AM @ Health & Agriculture building.

Minutes of previous meeting: EMS-Co Chair

- Motion to accept: Changes to names in BLS & EMTTF reports, no content change. Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

Council membership: New member: EMS-Co Chair

- Changes in EMS-Co Membership: James Pruden, Past Chair. Donald Trauger, ENA. Al Ritter, AMU. Roy Gunzelman, NJFAC-Central

JEMStar: Chair

- No report

Basic Life Support: Chair

- Written report differs because events at this week's MAC meeting required tabling of related issues: CP protocol for ALS and its effect on BLS protocols
 - ASA assist in presence of patient having taken daily ASA regiment, or ASA acutely but not 324mg minimum – ALS policy states dose to 324mg minimum, so BLS will follow suit
- Dr. Vetrano has assumed the Physician Consultant role for OEMS
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

EMT Training Fund (EMTTF): Chair

- No report, no meeting, no quorum due to acute illness on part of several members

Communications: Chair

- Most recent meeting closed due to OPRA request, release of content pending legal review of OPRA request.
- HEARN radio:
 - Some funding identified for replacement of faulty units
 - Compliance issue identified, not being utilized as intended; request for communication from DOH to facilities on the importance of utilizing this system properly
- Funding for three (3) new Trauma Center Communication System radios has been identified, looking for more
 - Currently underutilized, more of a backup system
- Satellite systems off line due to vendor issues. New vendor identified. Strongly suggest they be brought back on line before Super Bowl in case of catastrophic system failure.
- Public Safety Committee meeting 12/19/13, Communications will attend.
- Trauma Rep: Pending legislation on Trauma discussion: See legislative report
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

EMSC: Dr. Vetrano in Chair stead

- Guidelines for advertising Pediatric ED finalized by Council of Children's Hospitals, forthcoming

- Essential equipment list for ground EMS has been published in most recent e-publication of Pre-Hospital Emergency Care
- NJ now participating on the assessment of pediatric equipment in EMS vehicles
- Trauma Rep: NJ Trauma Centers have worked to define pediatric trauma centers, hopefully leading to additional centers in the future. Currently RWJUH is only pediatric center, Cooper in progress. Others may follow. (Pediatric < 15y/o)
 - Children will be sent to appropriate trauma center based on triage guidelines to be determined by Trauma and EMS.
 - Should NJ EMS utilize trauma centers outside NJ: No Trauma Council recommendation: Go to the nearest Trauma Center.
 - NY now using ACS guidelines for trauma verification.
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

OEMS: Interim Director

- Conference: Thanks to all. 608 conference attendees, 750 dinner attendees. Looking for \$ support for future events. Most grant based \$ dwindling.
 - Utilize local talent to minimize costs and maximize accessibility.
 - NJFAC was a no show at complimentary table that could have generated \$ for the conference. Request NJFAC to respond to requests for attendance confirmation in future to minimize losses associated with repeated no-shows.
 - Close to the point of self-sufficiency, still need partners for complete financial support.
 - Next year's Conference November 13-15, 2014. Possible Pre-Conference.
 - Meti-Games teams are encouraged to follow thru on participation. Several teams backed out late in the process this year presenting logistical challenges.
 - Call for speakers for next year coming in January, watch OEMS website for details.
- Ocean County Narcan for LEO a surprise. Looking for recommendation from EMS-Co for future policy brief.
 - Legislation allows for family members to administer narcan. Loophole allows for non-regulated healthcare providers (HCP) to administer. LEO aren't regulated HCP therefore can administer it. EMTs are regulated, can't give it.
 - Can we educate EMTs and allow? No, Scope of Practice issue
 - First responders not regulated in NJ
 - Non-EMT on unlicensed vehicle can give it?
 - Ocean Co Prosecutor looking for input from DOH.
- Please feel free to share information with the new Interim Director to ensure continuity, as she promises she will do as circumstances allow.
 - Permanency of the position? None. Question on filling Director's position, waiting posting. EMS-Co can comment to Asst. Commissioner as appropriate.
 - Council Chair request that EMS-Co play a part in the process.
 - The EMS-Co has ability to communicate with the Commissioner in this regard
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

Education: Section Chief

- Military Transition Law policy being formulated by OEMS, to be distributed to all on completion of review.
- OEMS working with NJSP on drug recognition and human trafficking education: Class for 8 CEUs offered Friday of this week at NJSP HQ, others coming

- OEMS looking at funding for Cut-Suit, newest civilian product in line of advanced intervention simulation training, shown at Conference during Meti-Games.
- Newsletter sent out weeks ago
- Paramedic exam: 9 candidates: 1 passed first try, 6 passed on re-test, 2 failed
 - Is this acceptable: Do we need to look at entire process? Higher bar for 1st attempt?
 - Mistakes for most part were critical failures that were immediately identified by students.
 - OEMS is initiating a retrospective analysis of data to identify trends
 - Exam results are better than history; skills can be done before "ride-time" is completed. Students feel entitled at completion of training regardless of school's input.
 - Need to look at patient management, rather than "skill" performance.
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

Legislative Update: Alternate

- S3027: Trauma Rep – Statewide Trauma System – (attached to legislative report for this meeting) Hearing tomorrow, can someone attend? Do we support?
 - Flexibility key to long term viability
 - Bill in current form lends to flexibility
 - Many interests on proposed Council currently sit on EMS-Co (less Rehabilitation).
 - Correia may be able to attend, but must not represent EMS-Co in comment.
 - NJHA Rep: NJHA looking for input from EMS community on this for consideration in their comments.
 - Copy provided to all attendees, included in documents.
 - Motion to lend EMS-Co support to S3027: Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: Clancy, Kelly-Goodstein.
 - Support communicated to DOH Legislative liaison
- A1110: CISM – Info is confidential
- A3766: Epi-pen in universities.
 - Where will it be located? Doesn't specify
- A4478: No fee to EMS volunteers for sport fishing vehicle permits
- A4354: No movement
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

MICU Advisory Committee: Chair

- STEMI criteria debate leading to tabling of discussion until additional information could be obtained.
- Termination of Resuscitation policy: waiting for OEMS
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

EMS Task Force (TF): Coordinator

- Neel Mehta has been hired as the new Central Planner for the NJ EMS Task Force. Neel has been active with the TF for several years and has been a paramedic at RWJ and JFK. Brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the position. His office will be located at RWJ EMS Department.
- The current membership roster is being reviewed to ensure that all the information is updated and current. At the suggestion of the Central Planner, we are going to try and use the When To Work scheduling system to better track the TF membership. This process will be ongoing over the next several months.

- The TF is in the process of bringing on approximately 30 new members /4 agencies to the program. These individuals / agencies began their application process in early 2013. They are currently in the process of completing their physicals. General orientation is tentatively scheduled for February 2014.
- NJ EMS TF personnel will be participating in a 2-day training event on confined space and hazardous material operations on January 30 & 31st. Newark FD, FEMA Region II, USCG, HHS DMAT Team and Virtua Health will be participating. Training will be conducted in Newark, NJ.
- Terry Clancy and Henry Corticans continue to participate in the EMS planning initiatives for this event with representatives of NJSEA and the NJ State PD. The third general EMS planning meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2013. See attached report for many activities associated with Super Bowl
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

Trauma Center: Representative

- Statewide guidelines issued for TXA use on AMU ships.
- Statewide guidelines issued for Geriatric trauma patient using, other than ASA, anticoagulation reversal protocol.
- Motion: Past Chair – EMS-Co support TXA protocol. Seconded. Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.
- Message to all EMS providers for trauma patients meeting anticoagulation protocol be transported to trauma center. NJHA awareness notice.
 - Is there a need for Communications to consider for dispatch criteria?
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

EMS to ED: Chair

- Training program waiting for Mike Reilly to approve
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

SCTU: Chair

- Finalized recommendations for new SCTU regulations to be folded into NJAC 8:41 and NJAC 8:41A. Preparing for new agenda next year addressing current topics of interest
- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

New Business: EMS-Co Chair

- Vice Chair Election: Scott Kasper is only nominee presented by Nominations Committee. Call from the floor yields no further candidates. A single vote is cast by the Chair.
- Proposed By-law changes
 - Letter from NJFAC. President not present: Challenge to proposed changes: Should not reference specific reports, should not permit Chair to address absenteeism for volunteers
 - Everyone on Council volunteers participation on Council, as required by by-laws
 - Howard Meyer is first NJFAC president that has never attended a meeting, all previous presidents have attended Council meeting. With NJFAC president absent, dynamic discussion not possible.
 - By-Laws Committee Chair:
 - Changes proposed were recommended by DOH. Consisting mainly of changes to allow for electronic communications with Council members

- Previous by-laws reference 1988 report, new reference consistent with previous practice
 - Objections raised in letter appear to be without merit
- Vice Chair: Question regarding what By-laws state concerning members missing consecutive meetings
 - NJFAC suggests it only applies if member and alternate miss.
- Motion: Lovell - motion to approve proposed by-law changes as presented in the November 18th notification.
 - Seconded: Bascom.
 - Vote: Yea: Majority. Nay: Platt, Joe Walsh, Abstain: Kelly-Goodstein, Clancy.
- Vice-Chair: All Council members have significant commitments. Every member should make every effort to attend meetings, especially when presenting a position that raises debate, in order to provide opportunity to voice these opinions in person and address concerns they bring about. This will reduce confusion and provide for a faster, reasonable consensus.

Public Comment: EMS-Co Chair

- None.

Adjournment: EMS-Co Chair

- Motion to accept: Yea: all Nay: 0 Abstain: 0.

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A317 Requires employers to provide time off from work for members of certain volunteer organizations to respond to fires under certain conditions.
Last Session Bill Number: A1606

Bramnick, Jon M. as Primary Sponsor, Munoz, Nancy F. as Co-Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A391 Requires impact statement for any proposed regulation affecting volunteer ambulance squads and fire companies.

Identical Bill Number: S1559

Last Session Bill Number: A1030

Bucco, Anthony M. as Primary Sponsor

S1559 Bucco, Anthony R. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A423 Provides for reciprocity of certain out-of-State EMT certification.

Last Session Bill Number: A463 S1641

Jimenez, Angelica M. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee

A531 Clarifies that first aid, ambulance or rescue squads, as entities, have immunity from civil damages in certain circumstances.

Identical Bill Number: S1502

Last Session Bill Number: A3282 (1R) S2165

Peterson, Erik as Primary Sponsor, Bucco, Anthony M. as Primary Sponsor, Conaway, Herb, Jr. as Primary Sponsor, Ciattarelli, Jack M. as Primary Sponsor, McGuckin, Gregory P. as Co-Sponsor, DiMaio, John as Co-Sponsor, Munoz, Nancy F. as Co-Sponsor, Handlin, Amy H. as Co-Sponsor, Simon, Donna M. as Co-Sponsor

S1502 Bateman, Christopher as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

2/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

A549 Authorizes reimbursement for EMT training from EMT Training Fund for certain volunteer firefighters.

Last Session Bill Number: A528

DiMaio, John as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

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A556 Provides tort claims immunity to certain State volunteer workers.
Last Session Bill Number: A535

DiMaio, John as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

A929 Establishes certain exceptions for emergency personnel operating personal watercraft while providing rescue services.

Last Session Bill Number: A3295

Brown, Chris A. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A942 "Assistance to Firefighters' Families Act"; doubles State survivor pension amounts for beneficiaries of certain deceased volunteer emergency service providers; requires municipal life insurance and burial expenses for volunteer firefighters; permits fire code inspection surcharge.

Last Session Bill Number: A2120 S511

Singleton, Troy as Primary Sponsor, Wisniewski, John S. as Primary Sponsor, Burzichelli, John J. as Primary Sponsor, Benson, Daniel R. as Primary Sponsor, Prieto, Vincent as Co-Sponsor, Sumter, Shavonda E. as Co-Sponsor, Wimberly, Benjie E. as Co-Sponsor, Johnson, Gordon M. as Co-Sponsor, Eustace, Timothy J. as Co-Sponsor, Riley, Celeste M. as Co-Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Labor Committee

A1147 Allows certain emergency squad volunteers holding municipal elective office to vote on emergency squad concerns.

Last Session Bill Number: A2999

Ciattarelli, Jack M. as Primary Sponsor, Simon, Donna M. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

A1246 Requires Medicaid program to increase reimbursement for ambulance services provided to Medicaid recipients who are also Medicare eligible to Medicare rate.

Last Session Bill Number: A2236

Prieto, Vincent as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee

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A1320 Establishes mutual aid assistance request protocols for 9-1-1 ambulance dispatchers.

Identical Bill Number: S1068

Last Session Bill Number: A1098 S1713

Quijano, Annette as Primary Sponsor, O'Donnell, Jason as Primary Sponsor, Cryan, Joseph as Primary Sponsor, Coughlin, Craig J. as Co-Sponsor, McKeon, John F. as Co-Sponsor
Jasey, Mila M. as Co-Sponsor

S1068 Bucco, Anthony R. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee
1/30/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

A1340 Aca (1R) Requires removal of equipment and markings on certain used emergency vehicles; requires that Attorney General issue guidelines or directives.

Last Session Bill Number: A4196 (1R)

Quijano, Annette as Primary Sponsor, Dancer, Ronald S. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee
3/10/2014 Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading

A1347 "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers' compensation for public safety workers.

Last Session Bill Number: A1196 (2R) S1778 (1R)

Stender, Linda as Primary Sponsor, Egan, Joseph V. as Primary Sponsor, O'Donnell, Jason as Primary Sponsor, Wimberly, Benjie E. as Primary Sponsor, Diegnan, Patrick J., Jr. as Co-Sponsor, Giblin, Thomas P. as Co-Sponsor, Quijano, Annette as Co-Sponsor, Eustace, Timothy J. as Co-Sponsor, DeAngelo, Wayne P. as Co-Sponsor, Garcia, Carmelo G. as Co-Sponsor
Benson, Daniel R. as Co-Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Labor Committee

A1408 Requires electric, gas, and water public utilities to provide bill credits to volunteer fire companies, first aid, rescue, and emergency squads, and nonprofit homeless and domestic violence assistance organizations

Last Session Bill Number: A1382

Chivukula, Upendra J. as Primary Sponsor, Vainieri Huttie, Valerie as Primary Sponsor, Sumter, Shavonda E. as Primary Sponsor, Wimberly, Benjie E. as Primary Sponsor, DeAngelo, Wayne P. as Co-Sponsor, Mosquera, Gabriela M. as Co-Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee

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A1503 Clarifies that members of volunteer first aid squads that bill third parties do not lose right to use emergency warning lights.

Identical Bill Number: S1451

Last Session Bill Number: A3547 S2450

DeAngelo, Wayne P. as Primary Sponsor

S1451 Greenstein, Linda R. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee
2/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

A1504 Revises definition of volunteer first aid, rescue, and ambulance squad under New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety Act of 1987.

Identical Bill Number: S1450

Last Session Bill Number: A3548 S2449

DeAngelo, Wayne P. as Primary Sponsor

S1450 Greenstein, Linda R. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee
2/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

A1524 Exempts certain volunteer emergency service organizations from charitable contribution filing fees.

Last Session Bill Number: A1354

Rible, David P. as Primary Sponsor, Angelini, Mary Pat as Primary Sponsor, Johnson, Gordon M. as Co-Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A1654 Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue squads.

Identical Bill Number: S988

Last Session Bill Number: A1660 (1R) S960

Johnson, Gordon M. as Primary Sponsor, Vainieri Huttie, Valerie as Primary Sponsor, Munoz, Nancy F. as Co-Sponsor, Ciattarelli, Jack M. as Co-Sponsor

S988 Weinberg, Loretta as Primary Sponsor

1/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee

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A1801 Provides for life imprisonment without parole for killing an emergency responder.

Last Session Bill Number: A3751

O'Donnell, Jason as Primary Sponsor, McKeon, John F. as Primary Sponsor, Rible, David P. as Primary Sponsor, Cryan, Joseph as Primary Sponsor, Bucco, Anthony M. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

A2076 Prohibits sale of emergency warning lights to unauthorized motorists.

Last Session Bill Number: A1301

Brown, Christopher J. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A2077 Increases penalties for unauthorized display or use of emergency warning lights.

Last Session Bill Number: A1302

Brown, Christopher J. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A2140 Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$5,000 income tax deduction.

Last Session Bill Number: A664

Gove, DiAnne C. as Primary Sponsor, Rumpf, Brian E. as Primary Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A2202 Permits inclusion of volunteer firefighters and other emergency responders within municipal eligible employee group for purposes of the small employer health benefits plan statutes.

Identical Bill Number: S1572

Last Session Bill Number: A3466

Burzichelli, John J. as Primary Sponsor

S1572 Van Drew, Jeff as Primary Sponsor

1/27/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee
2/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee

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A2223 Requires certain local and State government entities to issue certain emergency and warning light permits.

Burzichelli, John J. as Primary Sponsor

1/27/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Regulatory Oversight Committee

A2342 Adds budget language specifying Medicaid reimbursement for various ambulance services provided to certain recipients.

Last Session Bill Number: A1310 w/c

Greenwald, Louis D. as Primary Sponsor

2/6/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Budget Committee

A2363 "Highway Accident Property Tax Relief Act;" requires State to reimburse municipalities for costs of providing certain emergency services.
Last Session Bill Number: A773

Munoz, Nancy F. as Primary Sponsor

2/6/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee

A2403 Provides that Good Samaritans are not required to pay for ambulance service if injured while rendering emergency care.

Identical Bill Number: S142

Last Session Bill Number: A3771 S2314

Benson, Daniel R. as Primary Sponsor

S142 Bateman, Christopher as Primary Sponsor, Norcross, Donald as Primary Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

2/6/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

A2637 Prohibits DEP from charging fee for mobile sportfishing vehicle permit to any NJ resident who is a veteran, active military member, former or current member of the NJ National Guard or Reserve, or a volunteer emergency worker.

Last Session Bill Number: A4478

Dancer, Ronald S. as Primary Sponsor

2/20/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

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A2689 Requires State to offer surplus State police vehicles to certain volunteer fire and emergency service organizations.

Identical Bill Number: S1613

Last Session Bill Number: A1881

DeAngelo, Wayne P. as Primary Sponsor

S1613 Van Drew, Jeff as Primary Sponsor

2/24/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

2/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

A2706 Immunizes from civil liability first responders who forcibly enter property to provide emergency assistance.

Identical Bill Number: S174

Last Session Bill Number: A2099

Mazzeo, Vincent as Primary Sponsor, Wilson, Gilbert L. as Primary Sponsor, Mainor, Charles as Primary Sponsor, Lagana, Joseph A. as Primary Sponsor, Webber, Jay as Co-Sponsor

S174 Whelan, Jim as Primary Sponsor, Allen, Diane B. as Primary Sponsor, Addiego, Dawn Marie as Co-Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

2/24/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

A2770 Provides for certification for emergency medical technicians to administer opioid antidotes.

Conaway, Herb, Jr. as Primary Sponsor, Lagana, Joseph A. as Primary Sponsor
Munoz, Nancy F. as Primary Sponsor, Benson, Daniel R. as Primary Sponsor
Eustace, Timothy J. as Primary Sponsor, Jimenez, Angelica M. as Co-Sponsor

2/25/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

A2791 Requires actual transportation occur as a condition of billing for ambulance services.

Eustace, Timothy J. as Primary Sponsor, Brown, Chris A. as Primary Sponsor, Conaway, Herb, Jr. as Co-Sponsor, Greenwald, Louis D. as Co-Sponsor, Lagana, Joseph A. as Co-Sponsor

S111 Prohibits State agencies from posting emergency medical technicians' personal information on web sites.

Last Session Bill Number: S1586

Bucco, Anthony R. as Primary Sponsor

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S117 Provides for reciprocity of certain out-of-State EMT certification.
Last Session Bill Number: S1641 A463

Bucco, Anthony R. as Primary Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

S264 "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers' compensation for public safety workers.
Last Session Bill Number: S1778 (1R) A1196 (2R)

Greenstein, Linda R. as Primary Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Labor Committee

S458 Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.

Last Session Bill Number: S565

Madden, Fred H., Jr. as Primary Sponsor, Sarlo, Paul A. as Primary Sponsor
Bucco, Anthony R. as Co-Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

S634 Allows certain volunteer firefighters, rescue and first aid squad members to claim \$500 income tax deduction.
Last Session Bill Number: S263

Doherty, Michael J. as Primary Sponsor, Bucco, Anthony R. as Primary Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

S645 Authorizes reimbursement for EMT training from EMT Training Fund for certain volunteer firefighters.
Last Session Bill Number: S1637

Doherty, Michael J. as Primary Sponsor, Bucco, Anthony R. as Co-Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

S830 "Assistance to Firefighters' Families Act"; doubles State survivor pension amounts for beneficiaries of certain deceased volunteer emergency service providers; requires municipal life insurance and burial expenses for volunteer firefighters; permits fire code inspection surcharge.
Last Session Bill Number: S511 A2120

Norcross, Donald as Primary Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee

NJ EMS Legislative Initiatives
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<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

S867 Revises requirements for emergency medical services delivery.

Last Session Bill Number: S1650 (2R) A2463 (2R)

Vitale, Joseph F. as Primary Sponsor, Sweeney, Stephen M. as Primary Sponsor
Stack, Brian P. as Co-Sponsor

1/14/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

S1518 Allows business tax credit to employers giving paid leave to employees for service with volunteer emergency services organizations under corporation business tax and gross income tax.

Last Session Bill Number: S140 A1006 w/c

Codey, Richard J. as Primary Sponsor

2/27/2014 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

RESOLUTIONS:

AR62 Memorializes U.S. Congress to enact "Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act" to codify exclusion of volunteer firefighters from designation as employees.

Angelini, Mary Pat as Primary Sponsor, Fiocchi, Samuel L. as Primary Sponsor
Rible, David P. as Primary Sponsor

1/27/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

ACR99 Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing \$200 property tax credit for primary residence of volunteer fire fighter or first aid squad member.

Last Session Bill Number: SCR93 w/c

Singleton, Troy as Primary Sponsor, Burzichelli, John J. as Primary Sponsor, Lampitt, Pamela R. as Co-Sponsor, Riley, Celeste M. as Co-Sponsor

1/16/2014 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee

SCR87 Proposes constitutional amendment requiring Legislature to enact statute authorizing \$200 property tax credit for primary residence of volunteer fire fighter or first aid squad member.

Last Session Bill Number: SCR93

Oroho, Steven V. as Primary Sponsor, Van Drew, Jeff as Primary Sponsor, Bateman, Christopher as Co-Sponsor

NJPIES Report 3/12/2014

(revised report changes were made in the calls for Super Bowl)

Administrative Activities

NJPIES received recertification from the American Association of Poison Control Centers. It's recertification carried no contingencies and is effective for 5 years.

Funding

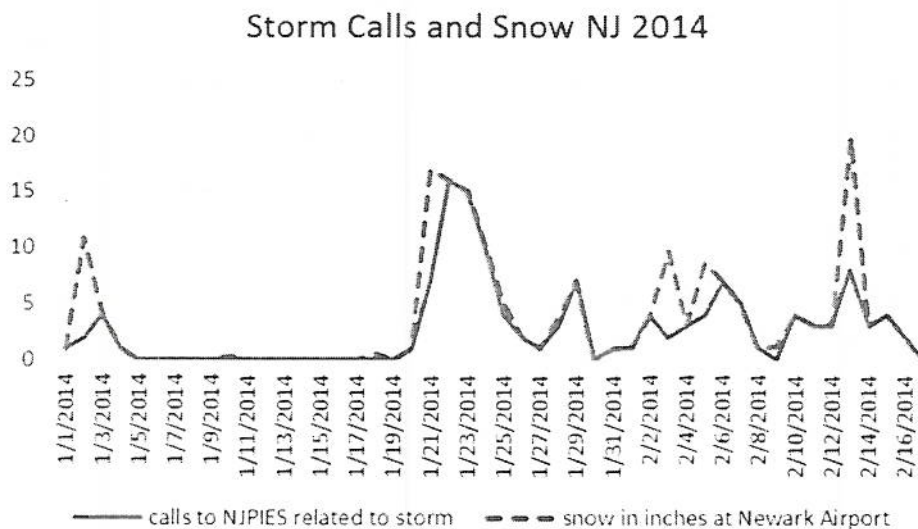
Funding issues remain problematic. There are several approaches being entertained to develop an increased revenue stream.

NJPIES received some funding as a result of its efforts during Super Storm Sandy, which is enabling NJPIES to add a section on disaster planning and response to its "Train The Trainer" program. There will be programs delivered later this Spring to train various officials around the state in both poison prevention and disaster preparedness and response.

Public Health Responses

Winter storms

NJPIES established a tracking system to follow calls related to exposures thought to be related to the storms we have experienced this winter. Although we have no comparison data, it appears there have been significant exposures related directly or indirectly to the storms. The calls seem to follow a pattern which resembles an epidemic curve which when plotted against average snowfall for the day seem to correlate.



As of March 11, there have been 164 calls classified as related to winter 2014 storms. NJPIES followed up only about 30% of the cases, considering the other cases of minimal risk for any medical effects. Of

those followed, 9.94% had no effect, 11.18% suffered minimal effects, 1.24 moderate (adult male possible CO from shoveling car and an adult female who was unable to take her regular medication because of snow was unable to attend a meeting at which she should have been dispensed her medication, she took medicine she was once on in the past, and became very lethargic and was hospitalized for 3 days) 0.61 major (a puppy suffered from a seizure after ingesting rock salt). There were no deaths.

In 58 calls the victim was under 19 years of age, 45% of the victims were <5 years of age.

Calls came from all 21 counties, 3 from out of state. The greatest number of calls came from Camden county which represented a little over 10% of all calls, followed by Ocean County with a little less than 10%, Mercer and Essex with a little over 7%, then Burlington and Bergen with 7%.

The substance most involved in the calls was rock salt, or other "snow/ice melters," and the outcome was, generally, no effect or minor 9with the one exception the puppy with a seizure).

Super Bowl

NJPIES developed a tracking system to review calls determined to be related to the Super Bowl. We asked our information specialists and those nationwide, to please record if they believed that a call was in anyway related to the Super Bowl, in the days up to, during and after.

We just received the data and are in the process of reviewing the data. The short "executive summary" is that nationally, there were 32 calls received by poison centers while in NJ we recorded 14. Of interest is the fact that there were no calls recorded from Colorado or Washington, although there were 2 calls from Oregon. It seems as if the other poison centers may have under-reported calls. This was the first attempt to relate calls to a specific sport event, so it remains to be seen if it is a representation of actual events. We will urge our national partners to repeat this effort next year.

New CDC Initiative

NJPIES was chosen as one of 10 poison center pilot sites to determine the ability of poison centers to respond to mass public health emergencies. The first project, designed to test the nationwide system of poison centers, places poison centers as the point of contact to do triage for illness and dispense anti-viral medication should a severe influenza epidemic occur. There will be a drill run in May in which it is anticipated that we will be required to respond to an increase in call volume of 25% and provide triage information, etc. If this model is successful, CDC hopes to develop this system, an integrated national system, to provide telephone access in other disasters, natural or man-made.

New Jersey Emergency Medical Dispatch Guidelines:

Working DRAFT 02/27/14 with Committee Revisions

Applicability:

All New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Dispatch Agencies (EMSDA) in regards to incident responses and patient transports. Including all licensed, volunteer, municipal, non-licensed, non-affiliated, fire, first aid, rescue, hospital or corporate, etc. agency and/or its' agents.

Background:

The use of Emergency Warning Devices (EWD) by pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS) vehicles is a basic component of emergency response and patient transport. This public-safety practice predates modern EMS by 50 years. Despite the long-term reliance on EWD, it is not a risk-free practice. There are many reports of emergency medical vehicle (EMV) collisions during EWD response and transports. These collisions often result in tragic consequences for the EMV occupants and those in other vehicles, and may cause significant delays to medical care for the patient the EMV was responding to or transporting.

1. In most instances the use of EWD has not been shown to significantly decrease response or transport times.
2. The vast majority of patients will not have better medical outcomes by decreasing response or transport time by the time saved by EWD transport.
3. The increased risk of an EMS vehicle crash while using EWD may increase the risk of injury to EMS providers as well as the public.

Statement:

Sound emergency medical dispatch protocols should be established and used as the basis for determining those situations that would benefit from the appropriate use of EWD. Medically sound protocols safely delineate which incidents may or may not require a response utilizing EWD. Ideally, the use of EWD should be reserved for those situations or circumstances in which response times have been shown to improve a patient's chances for survival or quality of life. Examples of such situations included cardiac or respiratory arrest, airway obstructions, extreme dyspnea, critical trauma, childbirth, and problems with pregnancy, drowning, and electrocution. In some of these cases, a rapid response is important (e.g., cardiac arrest), whereas in others rapid transport is necessary (e.g., breech birth).

1. National Association of EMS Physicians position paper revision: Emergency Medical Dispatching Prehospital Emergency Care 2008;12:217.

EMSDAs should utilize an emergency medical dispatch priority reference system that has been developed in conjunction with, and approved by, the New Jersey State EMS council to determine which request for pre-hospital medical care require the use of EWD.

Optimal EMS Systems utilize sound dispatch prioritization systems to establish a patient's level of acuity, which then allows the determination of the level of response and the urgency of that response. EMSDAs should institute the protocols and monitor adherence to them.

Policy:

A. Response mode to incident:

1. EMSDAs should utilize State Approved Guide Cards and/or Computer Algorithms to provide the Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) with the tools that allow for the determination of the level of response ALS/BLS and the mode of that response.
2. The EMS Vehicle Operator (EVO) is responsible for the mode of response to the scene based upon information available at dispatch.
 - a. Based upon State Approved EMD criteria, EMS vehicles should only respond with EWD when the dispatch category is consistent with an EWD response.
3. Response mode may be altered based upon additional information.
4. EWD use is generally NOT appropriate in the following circumstances:
 - a. Stand-bys for non-emergent or pre-planned events.
 - b. Carbon monoxide detector alarm activations without the report of any ill persons at the scene.
 - c. Assist to another public safety agency when there is no immediate danger to life or health.
 - d. Response to a hospital for non-emergent inter-facility transport.
 - e. Response to a medical alarm system activation when available information indicates no immediate danger to life or health.
 - f. Response to patients who have apparently expired.
 - g. Response to MVCs with no known injuries
5. Special circumstances may justify EWD use to an emergency incident scene when the emergency vehicle is engaged in:
 - a. Transportation of personnel or material resources considered critical or essential to the management of an emergency incident scene.
 - b. Transportation of human or material resources considered critical or essential to the prevention or treatment of acute illness/injury at a medical facility or other location at which such a circumstance may occur (i.e. transportation of an amputated limb, organ retrieval, etc.).

A. EMS Providers and EMSDA Cooperation:

1. EMS systems should cooperate with the EMSDA centers in developing procedures to downgrade the response of incoming units to Non-EWD when initial on-scene units determine that there is no immediate threat.

B. Dispatcher Competency/Training:

1. Improved Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) call assessment training should emphasize the negative consequences of EWD responses and the need to reduce them.
2. Improved call triage training should emphasize differences in acuity which can trigger EWD responses.
3. Training materials should reflect best practices for EMD and EMS Operations.

C. Dispatch Process Issues:

1. EMSDA processes should be leveraged to reduce EWD responses. These include but are not limited to:
 - a. Adherence to EMD standards
 - b. Call back protocol when Non-Life Threat calls are stacked greater than 20 Minutes
 - c. Ban terms such as "expedite", "rush", "hurry", etc
2. All relevant information related to the incident will be relayed to the responders.
3. Each EMSDA should have and utilize an on-going, comprehensive, Quality Assurance (QA) Program. The QA program should include but not limited to:
 - a. Call processing time standards
 - b. Adherence to State approved EMD standards

E. EMSDA's should support the leveraging of technology by minimizing unnecessary communications including the use of:

- a. Current mobile wireless technologies
- b. GPS based vehicle location systems

F. GPS based vehicle location systems should be utilized to determine the location of EMS assets which provide the shortest response time for life threats.

G. Education:

1. Emergency Response Personnel should be educated NOT to upgrade for convenience and to downgrade when appropriate in order to minimize EMS EWD responses.
2. Each EMD agency in cooperation with their EMS agency should participate in educating the public and governmental officials about the appropriate use of EWD's. Public education opportunities and methods include:
 - a. Involve the media through interviews and/or ride alongs
 - b. Fire Prevention Week Activities
 - c. EMS Week Activities
 - d. Community Posters
 - e. Handouts

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